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Fantastic, thank you Devon. Looking forward to seeing what we can learn from AU on this important issue.

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Good morning, everyone!

Laura Hewitt Walker from the Office of Housing in Seattle could use our help with arguing their case to continue banning the use of rental bidding software. Please see her email below for more information. Any studies, statistics, case studies, etc. that your respective areas could provide would be wonderful. I also suspect this would help all of our endeavours to ban rental bidding in our respective states and territories, so please feel free to share your findings with the group.

Thanks!

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Subject: Rent Bidding - Seattle

Hi Devon,

Thank you so much for your call.

Seattle passed a temporary ban on rent bidding end of March 2018. Here is a link to that legislation:
[Ordinance 125551](#)

As you know, rent bidding software increases upward pressure on rent, particularly in a high-cost city like Seattle, which disproportionately impacts low-income households and people of color. We would like to point to experiences and responses of other cities as part of the study of rental bidding platforms required by the Seattle City Council.

Any information you can provide on how rent bidding affected the rental market in Melbourne or other cities in Victoria and policy and legal responses taken would be helpful.

Thank you,

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